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VIRTUAL PRIVATE NETWORKS )

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application ,  
as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

On page 1, please replace the paragraph beginning "This application ..." with  
the following paragraph:

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No.  
60/196,297, entitled "NETWORK ARCHITECTURE, SYSTEMS, AND METHODS," filed  
on April 12, 2000, the disclosure of which is expressly incorporated herein by reference  
in its entirety.

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